

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 637**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES**, on April 18, 2001 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Duane Grimes, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Al Bishop (R)  
Sen. Steve Doherty (D)  
Rep. Cindy Younkin, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Valencia Lane, Staff  
Jon Moe, Staff  
Mary Lou Schmitz, Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:  
Executive Action: **HB 637**

**Senator Grimes** opened the meeting by asking **Rep. Kaufmann** to explain her amendments. **Rep. Kaufmann** said, from what she understood, the problems were the word "federal" on page 3, line 3. Federal funds cannot be accepted into or expended from a "state special revenue account", so "federal" should simply be removed. The Board of Crime Control people said they have all the authority they need through the regular budget process to expend federal money should they secure any.

**Rep. Kaufmann** said the Senate committee had reduced from \$400,000 to \$100,000, the spending authority out of this account. Probably \$100,000 is adequate. It was put back in on the Senate

floor. It may have been related to the fact that they put "federal" back in. Since "federal" is no longer in the account, she thought they could easily have that amount if people are more comfortable.

**Jon Moe, Staff**, said the reason it was reduced from \$400,000 to \$100,000 is the Crime Control Board had said they hadn't identified the source of money for that and that \$100,000 was enough spending authority.

**Rep. Younkin** spoke with **Rep. Steve Vick, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee** and he said \$200,000 is fine so the committee agreed on \$200.000.

**Rep. Kaufmann** said the intention for including faith-based is it modified community-based. Her suggestion is to take it out of the Sections that talk about the practices and policies of these restorative justice programs and put it into new Section 3, at the end of line 7, page 3. It would say "the fund may be used only to provide grants for restorative justice programs as provided to community-based, including faith-based organizations".

**Senator Grimes** asked all who are in favor of those amendments to say aye. The vote was unanimous 6-0.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:12 P.M.

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SEN. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman

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Mary Lou Schmitz, Secretary

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